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Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

Robert Peale

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STATE AND CITY OFFICIALS TO HONOR LINCOLN'S DAY

Portrait of Abraham Lincoln and the artist, Robert R. Peale.



(1900)

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Proper observance will be made in Denver of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. One ceremony will be in the auditorium, while the members of the legislature are arranging for another in the house chamber at the capitol. The governor of the state and the mayor of Denver have issued proclamations declaring Feb. 12 a holiday, and asking that all people unite in some way in paying tribute to the great emancipator.

A special feature of the services in the auditorium will be the display of a large picture of Lincoln painted by a Denver man, a painter of the fifth generation of a family of painters. Robert R. Peale has painted the picture, which he will present to the city. He is a great-great-grandson of the Charles Wilson Peale of Philadelphia whose pictures of Washington are famous. The former Peale is said to have painted 30 pictures of the first president, one of the pictures being now in the collection of the New York Historical society.

The unrolling of Lincoln's picture will be one of the features of the program in the auditorium. Another will be the participation in the services, side by side, by survivors of the Civil war of the last century. The Federal army will be represented by Col. W. W. Ferguson and the Confederate by Col. E. I. Stirman. One thousand school children will sing "America" during the afternoon, and addresses will be made by prominent speakers. Preceding the services, veterans of the Civil and Philippine wars and regular soldiers from Fort Logan will parade the streets.

The proclamation of the governor, issued yesterday:

"Whereas, Abraham Lincoln as a boy was an inspiration to the youth of his own time, and has been a lasting inspiration and boyhood idol for every great man this country has produced for 50 years, who, though cradled in poverty, schooled in adversity, and tried in the school of experience, became and was the greatest man of his time, and as a scholar, statesman, executive and broad-minded humanitarian, was faithful to every trust reposed in him, either in public or private life; and,

"Whereas, Freedom received from him inspiration for the great principle of equal rights for all men; and,

"Whereas, We, as a people, believe that the rights of all men all the time are

superior to the wishes of the few, and that the man who sounded the keynote for greater liberty for all people should be honored for his own sake, and for the sake of the lessons he taught, and that it is fitting and proper that we should pause upon this, the one hundredth anniversary of his birth, and reflect upon his great achievements and his country's greatness, because of his counsel and assistance,

"Therefore, I, John F. Shafroth, governor of the state of Colorado, do hereby set apart Friday, the twelfth day of February, in this year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, to be observed by the people of this commonwealth as a day sacred to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, and that all state offices shall observe that day as a holiday on which no public business shall be transacted, and I commend to the citizens of this commonwealth a like observance.

"Given under my hand and the official seal of the state of Colorado this 30th day of January, A. D. nineteen hundred and nine.

"By order of

"JOHN F. SHAFROTH,
Governor State of Colorado."

"Attest:

"JAMES B. PEARCE,

"Secretary of State of Colorado

"By Thomas F. Dillon, Jr.,

"Deputy."

Following is the proclamation issued by Mayor Sisco:

"The patriotic societies of Denver have arranged for a fitting celebration of the Abraham Lincoln centenary, Friday, Feb. 12, 1909. A parade in which the national and state military, and many of the civic organizations, will participate is to be followed by appropriate exercises in the auditorium.

"I most earnestly urge our citizens to decorate their homes and business buildings for this occasion, and request our professional men, our merchants and manufacturers to close their respective offices and places of business at 1 o'clock p. m. on that day, so that the people of Denver may be given an opportunity of paying tribute to the memory of the great martyr president.

"R. W. STEER,

"Mayor."

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